



Maine Fire Service Institute Director's Biweekly Update November 28, 2012

It is Time to Say "Thanks!"

Since 1994 MFSI Deputy Director Ed Marks has faithfully served in a variety of positions training and educating firefighters throughout the state of Maine through the Maine Fire Service Institute, Maine Fire Training and Education and Southern Maine Community College. Few have had the opportunity like Ed to make a significant contribution to ensure that 2-3 generations of firefighters are trained to a professional level. As the result of Ed's talents, abilities and passion whether it involved advocating for fire and life safety improvements throughout the state or teaching firefighters our state and communities are much safer.

Since coming to Maine to serve as the Director of the Maine Fire Service Institute in 2010, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with Ed on a daily basis on a variety of programs and projects. I am grateful for Ed's counsel, support and historical perspective of the Maine fire service which made my job a lot easier. I reflect on the words of Jackie Robinson who said "***A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.***" I can actually say that Ed has made a significant positive impact in not only my life but also thousands of the firefighters in the state.

On January 1, 2013 Deputy Director Ed Marks will begin a new season in his life as he retires from the Maine Fire Service Institute. Please join in me in saying thanks to Ed for his faithful dedication, service, contributions, commitment and sacrifice impacting the firefighters and communities in the state of Maine.

On Friday December 28, 2012 (Ed's last day of work!) the Maine Fire Service Institute staff will be hosting a retirement celebration in honor of Ed's service to the state of Maine. We invite you to attend a special open house reception 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Maine Fire Service Institute office located at the SMCC Midcoast Campus at Brunswick Landing, 19 Sewall St. in Brunswick. We invite you to stop by and join us as we recognize Ed for his dedication and service. While RSVP's are not required you may contact me for additional information at 207-844-2076 or bguindon@smccme.edu

Bill Guindon, Director of the Maine Fire Service Institute



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***New Training Opportunity
for
Maine's Fire Departments!***

**The Maine Department of Environmental Protection offers a 45-60 minutes course
“Introduction to Maine DEP Oil Spill Response”**

The course will cover the following topics:

- **How to determine appropriate clean-up method.**
- **How to apply sorbent boom properly.**
- **Sheen v. Free Product.**
- **How to properly handle and dispose of contaminated materials.**
- **Responding to a home heating oil tank.**
- **Notifying the DEP.**

To schedule a training session for your fire department please contact the following:

Franki Delaney, Oil & Hazardous Materials Responder I

207-822-6366

1-888-769-1036

207-446-9808 Cell Phone



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Important Notice from the National Fire Academy for anyone applying for on campus, off campus and online programs! (This includes all courses offered by MFSI on behalf of the National Fire Academy!)

National Fire Academy students interested in applying for **on-campus (10-/6-/2-day)**, **off-campus (10-/6-/2-day)** and **NFA Online courses** need to register for a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID). This number is used in place of a Social Security Number and is obtained through the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP).

Applications for NFA courses that do not include a SID will not be processed.

To obtain a SID Register at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

1. Select "Need a FEMA SID?" on the right side of the screen.
2. Follow the instructions to create your account.

You will receive an email with your SID. Save this number in a secure location.

Use the SID in place of the SSN on the General Admissions Application Form (FEMA Form 119-25-1) and General Admissions Application Short Form (FEMA Form 119-25-2).

Additional Information

General Admissions Application forms are being revised to eliminate the need for the SSN and include a field for the SID.



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Reminder for Fire Chiefs and Training Officers!

Please notify Certification and Curriculum Manager Peter Rines at 207-844-2074 or prines@smccme.edu prior to starting an in-house or regional Firefighter I and II, Fire Instructor I and II or Fire Officer I and II program.

Upcoming Maine Fire Chiefs Workshop Offerings:

January 12-23, 2012 in Skowhegan hosted by Somerset County Fire Chiefs. Contact Chief Roger Lightbody for details and registration information madfire@beeline-online.net

"Maine Fire Chiefs Workshop"

The Maine Fire Chiefs Association and the Maine Fire Service Institute have collaborated to create a Fire Chiefs Workshop. The workshop was created with a goal to provide new and aspiring fire chiefs with information to assist in the management and leadership of a fire department in Maine. The course is presented by current or former fire chiefs.

Courses are offered in a 4-Module 8 Hour or 8-Module 16 Hour format. Topics include: Legal Aspects, Professionalism and Politics, Fire Chiefs Role in Leading, Financial Management and Planning, Fire Chiefs Role in Coaching, Counseling and Correcting. Incident Management, Training Safety and Risk Management, Community and Media Relations.

County Fire Chiefs Associations or Fire Attack Schools interested in hosting an 8 or 16 hour course are encouraged to contact MFSI Director Bill Guindon at 207-844-2076 or bguindon@smccme.edu.



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Important Reminder!

Anyone desiring to participate in certification testing shall have progress charts no less than 2 weeks prior to the scheduled written or skills examination. Walk-ons are not permitted. Contact Peter Rines, Certification and Curriculum Manager at prines@smccme.edu for more information

2012 and 2013 Written Certification Examination Dates

SMCC- Place 3 rd	Floor	Howe Hall	RM 301
EMCC- Place 2 nd	Floor	Penobscot Hall	FIRE SCIENCE ROOM
BRUNSWICK		SMCC Midcoast Campus	MFSI Office

Location

SMCC

December 17, 2012

Location

EMCC

NO TEST

SMCC

MFSI

EMCC

January 28, 2013	January 7, 2013	January 14, 2013
February 25, 2013	February 11, 2013	NO TEST
March 25, 2013	March 4, 2013	March 11, 2013
April 29, 2013	April 15, 2013	NO TEST
May 20, 2013	May 6, 2013	May 13, 2013
June 24, 2013	June 10, 2013	NO TEST
July 29, 2013	July 22, 2013	July 15, 2013
August 26, 2013	August 12, 2013	August 19, 2013
September 30, 2013	September 9, 2013	September 16, 2013



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2012 and 2013 Written Certification Examination Dates

October 28, 2013	October 7, 2013	NO TEST
November 4, 2013	November 18, 2013	NO TEST
December 18, 2013	December 4, 2013	NO TEST

FIREFIGHTER I AND II SKILLS TESTING 2013 and 2014

April 26, 2013 Auburn

May 18, 2013 Hollis or Yarmouth TBA

June 1, 2013 Hollis

June 29, 2013 Ellsworth

September 21, 2013 Caribou

October 12, 2013 Hollis

October 26, 2013 Bangor

June 7, 2014 Ellsworth

June 21, 2012 Hollis

October 11, 2014 Bangor

October 25, 2014 Brunswick or Yarmouth TBA



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NFA Maine State Weekend April 13 & 14, 2013

W486- Leveraging Technology for the Emergency Services
W349- Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters
W520- Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Skills within Communities
W804- Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success
W121- Politics and White Helmet

Be on the lookout for the NFA State Weekend 2013 Flyer to come out in late November or early December 2012!

NFA in-State Deliveries

March 9-10, 2013- Brunswick, Maine Go to www.MaineFSI.org for registration details

F457- Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
F522- Executive Skill Series: Exercising Leadership through Difficult Conversations

September 28-29, 2013- Brunswick, Maine Go to www.MaineFSI.org for registration details

F121 - Politics and the White Helmet
F522 - Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership through Difficult Conversations

Fire Instructor I and II Courses

**The Maine Fire Service Institute will be offering Fire Instructor I and II courses in the following locations during the spring of 2013
Waterville, Ellsworth and Caribou (the Caribou course was moved from the fall of 2013 to increase enrollment.)**

Courses planned in the fall of 2013 include Western Maine, York County and Brunswick. Look for registration information to be posted in early December. Go to Maine Fire Service Institute Website www.MaineFSI.org for registration details and information.



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Firefighter and Fire Officer Programs Coming UP!

The Maine Fire Service Institute has been informed that Firefighter Academies and Fire Officer programs will be held in the following areas in the near future:

York County- Firefighter I and II Academy and Fire Officer I and II Academy in the near future!

Contact York County Fire Chiefs for information and details at www.yorkcountychiefs.org

The Maine Office of State Fire Marshal is sponsoring the IBEC 2009 Workshop on December 4 in Brewer and December 5, 2012 in Brewer and Augusta December 5, 2012. For Registration information and details go to <http://www.memun.org/public/MMA/svc/training.htm>

**Please contact the Maine Fire Service Institute if you have a
Firefighter, Fire Instructor or Fire Officer program
announcements at
Director Bill Guindon, bguindon@smcceme.edu or
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**SMCC Fire Science
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Bringing Fire Science Closer to the
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Spring 2013 Course: FIRE 115 Building Construction for the Fire Service

A required course in the SMCC Fire Science AAS Degree Program

At SMCC's Mid-Coast (Brunswick Landing) Campus, Academic Building

**Monday evenings, January 14 thru May 06,
2013**

This course provides an exploration of the basics of building construction as it relates to the municipal fire service. Students will learn the basics of building construction, the identification of common structure types and their associated hazards while reviewing current and past case studies used to illustrate the importance of understanding building construction in the fire service.

The course will be offered Monday evenings from 1800 – 2045 hours. Students who successfully complete this course will earn 3 required course credits toward their Fire Science AAS degree.

Required text: Brannigan's Building Construction for the Fire Service (4th edition, 2008). Publisher: Jones and Bartlett. ISBN: 978-0-7637-7802-6.

Course Introduction: This course provides an introduction to the components of building construction that relate to the fire service and life safety. The focus of this course is on firefighter safety and the assessment of buildings related to this topic. The elements of construction and the design of structures are shown to be key factors when inspecting buildings, preplanning fire operations and operating at emergencies.

Course objectives: The students will be able to.....

- Identify the basic principles of building construction



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- Recognize and be able to describe different types of building construction
- Evaluate building materials and their implications for fire ground operations
- Review and analyze case studies from publications and published reports
- Conduct a field study; create a report and present important information to the rest of the class



Course dates: Monday evenings, January 14 thru May 06, 2013; 1800 – 2045 hours
To Register: Contact SMCC Enrollment Services:
 741-5800 (Course # FIRE 115-BK)
Add/Drop Deadline is 01/22/13 @ 5 PM (No refunds after that day/time)
Location: Academic Building, SMCC Mid-Coast Campus, Brunswick, ME
Enrollment: 25 students maximum, 10 students minimum
Instructor: Mr. Mark J. Stevens, Inspector, Maine State Fire Marshal

For more info contact Robert Lindstedt: rlindstedt@smccme.edu or 207-741-5750



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